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(57) Abstract <p>The invention relates to a method for protecting growing plants from insects and from insect-transmitted plant viruses, which comprises applying to a locus or loci selected from surfaces of growing plants and their background, a composition comprising reflective particles of at least one substance, provided that this is not solely uncoated aluminum, whereby said composition is effective to repel said insects and thus protect the plants. Furthermore the invention relates to a composition for protecting growing plants from insects and from insect-transmitted plant viruses, which comprises reflective particles of at least one substance, together with at least one agriculturally acceptable diluent, carrier or adjuvant, provided that said substance is not solely uncoated aluminum.</p>		

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